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SUBJ: NAMIBIA: COMMENT BY INTERNAL LEADERS

1. ACCORDING TO SOUTH AFRICAN PRESS REPORTS FROM LONDON, DIRK MUDGE, CHAIRMAN OF THE DEMOCRATIC TURNHALLE ALLIANCE, IN A BBC TELEVISION INTERVIEW SAID THAT THE SETTLEMENT IN NAMIBIA "MOST PROBABLY ... WILL NOT BE RECOGNIZED BY THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY". MUDGE REPORTEDLY SAID THAT EVEN IF THE "LEADERS" IN THE TERRITORY WERE PREPARED TO SETTLE WITH SWAPO, "I DON'T THINK THE POPULATION WILL BE PREPARED TO ACCEPT THIS ANY LONGER".

2. MEANWHILE, A PRESS STORY FROM WINDHOEK ON THE MEETINGS
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BETWEEN THE CAPE TOWN FIVE AND INTERNAL GROUPS IN NAMIBIA REPORTS A SWAPO SPOKESMAN AS SAYING THAT THE PARTY DID NOT WISH TO COMMENT ON THE PROPOSALS BEFORE IT HAD CONSULTED ITS ASSOCIATES ABROAD. THE SAME ARTICLE REPORTED ""OBSERVERS" IN WINDHOEK BELIEVE THE DTA HAVE OBJECTIONS TO THE WESTERN PLAN. BRYAN O'LINN, PUBLICITY SECRETARY OF THE NAMIBIAN

NATIONAL FRONT REPORTEDLY CAUTIONED POLITICAL LEADERS NOT TO SEE CONTROVERSIAL ITEMS IN THE PROPOSAL IN ISOLATION. "THE PROPOSALS MUST BE THOROUGHLY CONSIDERED AND SO TOO MUST THE ALTERNATIVES", O'LINN WAS QUOTED AS SAYING.

3. ACCORDING TO THE SAME ARTICLE, CHURCH LEADERS REACTED POSITIVELY TO THE PROPOSALS. REVEREND ED MORROW, VICAR GENERAL OF THE ANGLICAN CHURCH REPORTEDLY SAID THAT THE PLAN SHOULD BE IMPLEMENTED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.
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